schemes of the Unit Trust of India which are listed or open for repurchase, are calculated on a weekly basis each Wednesday and are notified each Friday. The Net Asset Values of such schemes as on 13th April, 1994 are as under :—

Name of Scheme	NAV (Rs.)
Mastershare*	36.24
UGS-2000	38.37
UGS-5000	30.48
Master Equity Plan'91 . .	36.19
Master Gain'91 . . .	351.53
Master Plus	26.23
Master Gain'92 . . .	17.40
Master Growth'93 . . .	19.60
Grand Master'—93 . . .	19.66

*Ex-Bonus, Ex-Rights, Ex-Redemption.

(c) The repurchase rates for certificates deposited with UTI during the week ended 13th April, 1994 are Rs. 35.70 for UGS-2000 and Rs. 28.35 for UGS-5000. These rates are net of administrative expenses amounting to 7% of the Net Asset Value.

Transfer of Employees of Erstwhile New Bank of India

4448. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received memorandum from Members of Parliament against the management of Punjab National Bank in the matter of transferring the employees of the erstwhile New Bank of India now merged with Punjab National Bank to far flung and remote places ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the employees recruited on compassionate grounds, physically handicapped and critically ill were shown no mercy in the matter of transfer to far off places; if so, the number of such employees; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Government have received a Memorandum signed by 66 MPs requesting the Government to ask the Management of Punjab National Bank to provide fair and at par treatment to the employees of erstwhile New Bank of India and withdraw vindictive and discriminatory transfer orders.

(c) and (d) Punjab National Bank has reported that consequent upon amalgamation of the erstwhile New Bank of India with Punjab National Bank, Head office of the erstwhile Ne wBank of India its certain administrative offices, training centres and Regional Collection Centres located at Delhi and at other centres were closed. The need based staff strength was assessed by the Bank and the surplus staff was redeployed at the points of need. While effecting transfers it was ensured that women employees, physically handicapped employees and the employees retiring within 3 years were excluded from the purview of the above guidelines and were not re-deployed accordingly. The Bank also considered hardship cases brought to their notice sympathetically in terms of the rules. Requests of some employees appointed on compassionate grounds were also sympathetically considered by the bank.

Loans for the Etablishment of Co-operative Mills in Madhya Pradesh

4449. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government has requested the Central Financial Institutions to sanction long term loans for the establishment of the co-operative mills in that State ;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ;

(c) whether no progress has been made despite assurances made ; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The All India Term Lending Financial Institutions viz., Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Industrial Finance

Corporation of India Ltd. (IFCI), Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) and Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) have not received any request from Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding assistance to new co-operative spinning mills.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

मुद्रा स्फीति को नियंत्रित करना

4450. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जनवरी से 31 मार्च, 1994 तक की अवधि के दौरान तथा गत तीन सप्ताह के दौरान मुद्रास्फीति की दर कितनी कितनी रही है और इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई कारगर कदम उठाये हैं और यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चंद्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) सभी वस्तुओं के लिए थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (आधार : 1981-82) पहली जनवरी 1994 को 252.0 से बढ़कर 26 मार्च, 1994 को 256.9 हो गया जिसमें दिसम्बर अन्त के सूचकांक की तुलना में 1.9 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्शायी । गत तीन सप्ताह के दौरान आंकी गई मुद्रास्फीति की वार्षिक दर नीचे दी गयी है :-

समाप्त सप्ताह	मुद्रास्फीति की वार्षिक दर (प्रतिशत में)
12-03-94	9.4
19-03-94	9.9
26-03-94	10.2
2-04-94	10.5
9-04-94	10.4

मुद्रास्फीति की दर में वृद्धि खाद्यान्नों, कच्ची सामग्रियों, फसलों, पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों, विद्युत, खाद्य तेल, चीनी, वस्त्र, लकड़ी एवं लकड़ी उत्पाद चमड़ा एवं चमड़ा उत्पादों तथा गैर-धात्विक खनिज उत्पादों की कीमतों में उच्च वृद्धि में पाई गई है ।

(ख) कीमतों में वृद्धि को संतुलित करने के लिए सरकार का हस्तक्षेप प्राथमिक तौर पर अनिवार्य वस्तुओं की पूर्ति में वृद्धि करना रहा है । सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से आबंटन में वृद्धि करना, भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा गेहूं और चावल की खुले बाजार में बिक्री करना और गैर-लेवी चीनी का अधिक मासिक निर्गमन कीमतों को स्थिर करने के लिए किये गये कुछ उपाय हैं ।

Non-acceptance of Currency Notes of Smaller Denominations by Banks

4451. SHRI MATANG SINH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain public sector banks have stopped accepting currency notes of smaller denominations from petroleum dealers ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken against the banks and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that as per instructions issued by them, all public sector banks are required to accept smaller denomination currency notes tendered by the customers. Complaints, if any, received from any quarter regarding non-acceptance of small denomination currency notes by banks are taken up with the concerned banks for redressal.

RBI had received 2 complaints during 1993 from petroleum dealers about non-acceptance of small denomination notes by banks. The complaints were taken up with the concerned banks for necessary remedial action.

Bank Branches in Orissa

4452. *SHRI RAHAS BIHARI BARIK*: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the public sector banks which propose to expand their branches during Eighth Five Year Plan in Orissa ;

(b) the places identified for the location of those branches ;

(c) whether the new branches of any of those public sector banks are proposed to be set up in the tribal districts of that State ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?